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## City of Charleston South Carolina

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## CITY OF CHARLESTON ARBOR DAY PLANTING 2009

*Charleston, SC.* The City of Charleston, in partnership with the Tree Committee of the Charleston Horticultural Society, will celebrate Arbor Day on December 4 at 12:00 by planting 3 Live Oak trees at Hazel Parker Playground. The trees will replace a large Live Oak that died this summer as the result of a lightning strike.

The trees were purchased by the Tree Committee of the Charleston Horticultural Society as part of their successful tree planting partnership with the City. The organization has purchased over 700 trees that have been planted on public property in Charleston since 1988. The committee purchases the trees and the City plants them and maintains them for the duration of their lives.

All three trees will improve the environment and aesthetics of the public space and adjacent neighborhoods. South Carolina Arbor Day is designated as the first Friday in December. Arbor Day was first celebrated in 1872 in Nebraska as a remedy for combating erosion.

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